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ONE PENNY.

IN OUR NEXT NUMBER WE SHALL GIVE
A SPLENDID WHOLE-PAGE PORTRAIT
 OF
BECKWITH,
 CHAMPION SWIMMER OF ENGLAND, AND HOLDER
 OF THE SWIMMING CHALLENGE CUP.
 Also a LARGE ILLUSTRATION of
THE BENEFIT TO GREEN,
 THE AUSTRALIAN AQUATIC CHAMPION.
 WITH OTHER ENGRAVINGS.
 ONE PENNY.

SWIMMING.

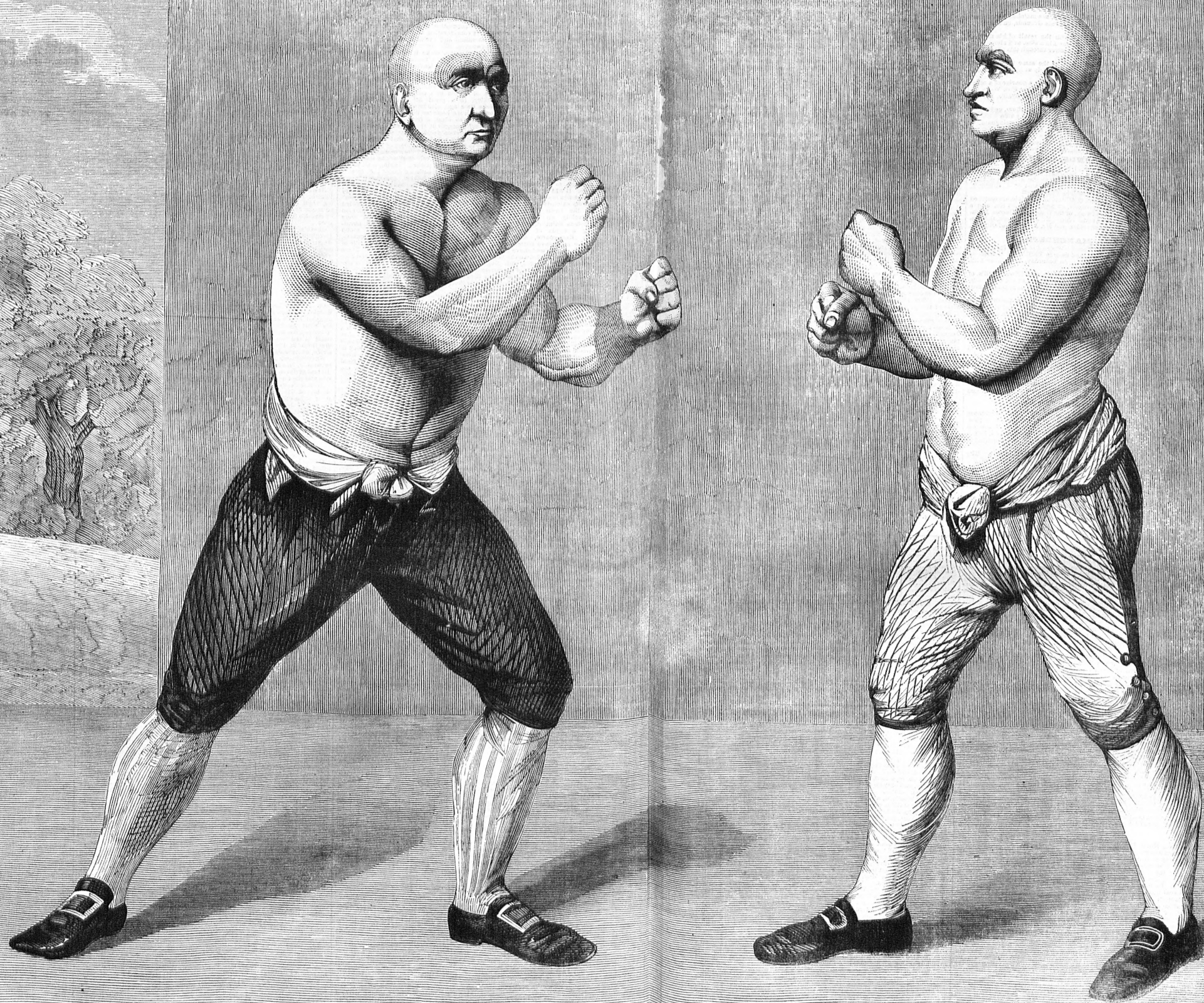
LAST Monday was decided the great swimming match for the Champion Challenge Cup and £200, between Mather, of Manchester, holder of the cup, and Beckwith, of London. The race was from the Dove, a little above Hammersmith, to Putney Aqueduct, a distance of two miles. The steamboat River Queen and Victoria were chartered to take the admirers of aquatic to witness the race; and notwithstanding a pelting shower of rain before starting, both boats were crowded. A week before the race the odds changed, 6 to 4 being the Manchester man, but on the day of the race the odds changed, 6 to 4 being the Londoner. There was great excitement on the river as the boats wended their way to Hammersmith. We once witnessed a yacht race when a gentleman on board one of the contending boats was accidentally knocked into the Thames. "Go on; don't stop for me, or you will lose the race," shouted he, as the yacht was tacking to his assistance. We were forcibly reminded of this incident, and also of the manifold advantages of being able to swim, by an accident which occurred to a gentleman connected with the press, who accidentally fell into the river just before the commencement of the race. He was fortunately rescued; but from the fear depicted on his features it was

evident he could not echo the gallant shout of the gentleman mentioned above. Hammersmith Bridge was crowded; hundreds lined the shore, and the number of boats on the river gave to the whole scene a very lively appearance. A plank was placed across the bows of the River Queen, and at 6.35 Beckwith took up his position on the Surrey side, Mather having the Middlesex side, and on the signal being given, both men started. There was a slight hitch, however. The pistol missed-fire, and Beckwith took the first plunge. Mather, seeing this, followed, but lost a little distance in consequence. Almost directly Beckwith forced Mather in-shore on the Middlesex side, which gave him a little, the advantage of the tide. For about the first ten minutes Beckwith drew ahead of his youthful antagonist, who as frequently got level with him. When half the distance was accomplished Beckwith got in front, the betting now being 4 to 1 on the "old one." When a mile and a quarter was done the betting went up to 10 to 1, and unless some mishap should occur to Beckwith it was certain Mather must lose. A little further on 20 to 1 was offered. When nearing the viaduct at Putney Mather gave in, being about thirty yards behind. By the first plunge in the water Mather broke the fastening of his swimming-drawers, which greatly impeded his progress. Gardner officiated for Beckwith, and Blackmore for Mather. At the finish Mather was much distressed, while the "old un" was as fresh as when he entered the water. Time 31min 58sec.



PRESENTATION OF THE STAKES TO DILLON IN THE LATE MATCH BETWEEN DILLON AND TRAVERS.

(From a Drawing by our own Artist.)



THE FAMOUS FIGHT BETWEEN BROUGHTON AND TAYLOR.

(ILLUSTRATIVE OF THE STYLE OF A PRIZE FIGHT IN THE OLDEN TIME.)
(From the Original Picture in the possession of Jimmy Shaw.)

from 10% the system of the month, etc.

